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For: ENERGY APPLICATION SYSTEM WITH ANCILLARY INFORMATION
EXCHANGE CAPABILITY, ENERGY APPLICATOR, AND METHODS
ASSOCIATED THEREWITH

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Preliminary Amendment

This preliminary amendment is submitted with a continuation application filed claiming priority to the parent application listed above. This preliminary amendment responds to the Office Action dated as mailed May 22, 2003.

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